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Title: GENETIC LOCI INDICATIVE OF PROPENSITY FOR LONGEVITY  
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Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	11
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Drawing(s)	23

## Enclosures:

- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/928,102, filed on August 10, 2001, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/224,643 and 60/249,921. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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Total filing fee:	\$1006

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